#### SKIRMISH, BUT NO BATTLE. LORD DUNDONALD'S VICTORY.

BULLER HAS NOT YET ATTACKED THE BOER LINES.

The British Across the Tugela Confronted by Boer Intrenchments-Their Cavalry Seize a Position Said to Be Important -tien. Warren's Flanking Movement -Boers Said to Have Exacuated Colenso.

Second Cable Desgatches to THE BUN. From Tag Stres correspondent with Gen. Buller's

SPEARMAN'S CAMP, Jan. 19, 7:25 P. M. Gen. Warren's flanking movement continues slowly on the Boer right flank

toward Skelt's Drift. Bethune's horse and the infantry under Williams discovered a small body of the Boers, about thirty men, on the opposite side of the river. They killed three of them and the remaindenran away, leaving their horses. Williams then proceeded, lleaving one troop behind him. The Boers returned later to get their horses, when three more

of them were killed. A Boer spider carriage drawn by sixteen galloping mules was seen arriving in the Boer lines to-day. It is supposed that it contained Commandant-General Joubert or & French General

### There was very little firing to-day.

It is rumored that Colenso village has been evacuated and burned by the Boers. SPEARMAN'S CAMP, Jan. 18-6:40 P. M. From the position seized by the British at Mount Alice there is a magnificent panorama of the Tugela River, which winds in four immense bends, forming a narrow peninsular. Potgieter's Drift, where the water is now only waist deep, is just below the centre.

The loop of land opposite is commanded at its narrowest point by three small kopjes, one of which is called One Tree Hill. Gen. Lyttelton's brigade and the artillery hold this. Beyond this, and 7,800 yards from Mount Alice, there is a higher kopje, held by the Boers, which is covered with trenches. There are apparently two guns in emplacements on top of the hill. On the British left there is a very high hill, with the river running at its foot. This is also held by the Boers.

The British hold Swartz Kop on the right. Gen. Warren is on the left, retaining his position. There is only a desultory fire from the naval guns and a howitzer. Not a single shot has been drawn from the enemy.

Gen. Warren and Gen. Lyttelton bivouacked north of the Tugela last night and arrived at Mount Alice at dawn this morning. They found a captive balloon above One Tree Hill.

THE SUN correspondent noticed in the far distance evidences of shell explosions. smith. It was necessary to use glasses to see the damage done by the shells. The firing of big guns was heard in the same

Ladysmith is not visible from Mount Alice, being situated on low ground. Heliographic communication with the town is had by means of a heliograph at Cæsar's Camp, which is on a high hill two miles southwest of Ladysmith. There is plenty

Signalling Officer Cayzer returned to headquarters at Weenen last night. He has kept communication open between Ladysmith and Frere for nearly seven weeks. His post has been a very lonely one. It was on a very high and rocky mountain, and there was no water within

The iron ore in the mountain attracted the lightning, and one night a bolt struck the fire about which he and his men were sitting, scattering ashes and giving an electric shock to the men. The signallers performed most valuable work under great privations and while constantly in danger of attack. More than 41,000 words were transmitted by them.

The weather is good now and the rivers are much lower. The roads are also in better condition. Every one is anxious to engage the enemy, and strong hopes are entertained of a decisive victory that will result in the relief of Ladysmith.

SPEARMAN'S CAMP, Jan. 19, 8:25 A. M .-Col. Dundonald, with the mounted troops, fought an action with the Boers west of Acton Homes on Jan. 17. He was reenforced in the evening by the First Royal Dragoons. He now holds the positions taken. A field cornet of the Heilbron commando and twenty other Boers were killed or wounded. Fifteen of the enemy

SPEARMAN'S CAMP, Jan. 19, 1 P. M .-The name of the Field Cornet of the Helbron Commando was Mentz. He was acting for Cornet Ell, who is too old to take the field. Both the English and the Boers were making toward the kopie, which was first taken by the Natal Boers came on, not being aware that the position was already held by the British. If the Carbineers had held their fire all the

actual number of prisoners taken was 23. The correspondent of THE SUN crossed the ponto n bridge and visited Gen. Warren's headquarters. The stream is very rapid. One member of the Devonshire Regiment was drowned while helping to place the pontoons. Two mules were also

enemy would have been captured. The

Importance Attached to It-Boers Said to Have Evacuated Colenso. Special Cable Despatches to THE SUN.

LONDON, Jan. 19.-Gen. Buller has sent to the War Office the following cable despatch: "SPEARMAN'S CAMP, Jan. 18, 7:15 P. M.-Received this message from Warren vesterday evening:

"'Dundonald, with the mounted troops, was in action this afternoon west of Acton Homes, I reënforced him at 7 P. M. with a detachment of the First Dragoons. He occupied the kopje after the fight and now holds the position. Field Cornet Heilbrun and twenty Boers were killed and wounded and fifteen prisoners Our losses were: Lieut, Shaw, severely taken. wounded, and two privates killed and one wounded.'

L NDON .- Jan. 20 .- The Telegraph's correspondent at Spearman's Camp says that Lord Dundonald's success gives the British control of an easy entrance into Ladysmith and interrupts the enemy's communications with the Free State. The British guns continue to bombard the Boer lines, and the enemy are replying feebly. Gen. Warren is advancing steadily.

Lord Dundonald's skirmish is the principal feature of Gen. Buller's advance. It is impossible to say whether the importance attached to it by the Telegraph's correspondent is justified. No other despatch, officialal or unofficial, asserts so much for it. The critics are inclined to regard Gen. Warren's march as the principal movement of the whole operation but beyond the fact that he is still advancing nothing is allowed to be known, and his route is merely a matter of conjecture. It is transparent, indeed, that more is omitted from the correspondents' despatches than is sent.

Nothing regarding the doings on Jan. 19

MR. HAY REACHES CAPE TOWN.

The New American Consul at Pretoria to Start To-day for the Transvaal. Special Cable Despatches to THE SUN.

CAPE Town, Jan. 17 .- Adelbert S. Hay, the new United States Consul at Pretoria, arrived here to-day. He will start for the Trans-

vaal on Saturday. Assistant Secretary of the Interior Webster Davis left Port Elizabeth on Monday for

Delagoa Bay. DUEBAN, Jan. 18,-Mr. Davis landed here yesterday from Cape Town. He spent the day in driving around the town and its suburbs. He sailed to-day on the German steamer Her aog for Delagoa Bay.

# COL. BRABANT'S APPOINTMENT.

#### Cape Colony Pleased by the Promotion of a Colonial Officer.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. CAPE TOWN, Jan. 19-(2:15 P. M.)-Col. Brabant's appointment to the command of a brigade of the colonial forces is very popular, and shows appreciation of his services the colonial Government. He was a Captain in the old Cape Mounted Rifles when that body was an Imperial force. Subsequently he was Colonel of the Cape Yeomanry during the Basuto war in 1880. He is a and were engaged in discussing the situation brother of Capt. Brabant of the Imperial Light Horse, who was killed at Ladysmith.

# GERMAN BARK SEIZED.

Captured With a Cargo of Flour for the Boers by a British Warship. special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

LOBENZO MARQUES, Jan. 18.-The British cruiser Pelorus has seized the German bark has arrived, the few messages despatched on | Marie near layak Island. The bark was



SCENE OF OPERATIONS ON THE TUGELA.

that date referring to previous occurrences. The correspondents report that the Boers have been hurriedly withdrawn from their Colenso and Ladysmith positions to oppose Gen. Buller's advance, and this strengthens the belief in some quarters the burghers were almost wholly surprised at the British move. Such a belief, however, needs a great deal of strengthening. and the best informed are content to await

events. The Standard's correspondent at Spearman's Camp. in a despatch dated Jan. 18, sends a report that the Boers opposite Colenso, finding that Gen. Buller had outmanœuvred them, crossed the Tugela River on Jan. 15 and set fire to all the houses in the village. The British force at Chieveley advanced and the Boers reand as the advance continued hurrledly evacuated their river trenches and the kopies opposite the village. scattering before the British shrappel, By evening no Boers were within rifle shot of Colenso, and the British retired to Chieveley.

The retirement of the Boers is regarded as proving that they have been considerably weakened by withdrawals to the westward to meet Gen. Buller.

Despatches from the other war centres only record reconnoissances. All serious operations are evidently suspended pending the outcome in Natal.

A telegram from Pretoria, of date Jan. 17. states, without comment, that the British crossed the Tugela, and says that a fight is imminent. It adds that Col. Plumer, with three armored trains, is at Gaberones, and that it is his evident intention to relieve Mafeking.

### SOME BRITISH LOSSES Colonial Troops to Teach the British Yeo-

manry Boer Tactics. Special Cable Despatches to THE SUN.

LONDON, Jan. 19,-In a statement to-day the War Office issues a list of casualties in the fight at Slinger's farm on Jan. 16. Two men were killed and fifteen are missing. The War Office also publishes an incomplete list of eighty-four killed in the fight at Ladysmith on Jan. 6. Many of the names sent in could not

be deciphered. The Eighth Army Division has been ordered

to mobilize at Aldershot immediately. A despatch to the Times from Cape Town says that the British yeomanry will be mixed says that the British yeomanry will be mixed up with detachments of the local mounted infantry, in order to learn appropriate tactics for fighting the Boers. It is stated that Piet Dewet, the former Free State landdrost at Dordrecht, has received large sums of money from the Dutch farmers who wished to evade service against the British. It is said that one farmer offered £1,000 for such exemption from

military service.

CAPE TOWN, Jan. 19.—The Boer prisoners on the Catalonia will shortly be placed in quarters ashore.
The Colonial Government is inviting applications for Treasury bills to the amount of £600,000. This is doubtless owing to the deficiency in the revenue caused by the war.

PART OF SEIZED CARGOES LET GO. Detained American Goods to Be Landed at Lorenzo Marques.

Ppecial Cable Despatch to THE SUN. London, Jan. 19.-The Foreign Office has notified Ambassador Choate that a portion of the seized American cargoes has been released. It will be landed at Lorenzo Marques and It will be landed at Lore delivered to the consignees.

# FEVER AT LADYSMITH.

Gen. White Reports Twenty Deaths Be tween Jan. 15 and Jan. 17. Special Cubie Despatch to THE SUN.

PIETERMABITZBURG, Jan. 18 .- Al heliograph message from Gen. White at Ladysmith remessage menty deaths from fevers in the camp ports twenty deaths from fevers in the camp from Jan. 15 to Jan. 17. He also reports that two men were wounded on Jan. 16 and two two men were more on Jan. 17.

Kimberley Anxious for News. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. MODDER RIVER, Jan. 18 .- A message has been received from Kimberley asking for heliographic news daily. The garrison is anxiously awaiting details of the fighting at Ladysmith.

bound from Australia, with flour for the South African Republic. A prize crew was placed on board of her and she was sent to Durban.

#### CANADA'S ROUGH RIDERS. A Millionaire and a Statesman's Son in the

New South African Contingent. OTTAWA, Jan. 19.-The Northwest mounted contingent for South Africa arrived here today. The prairie rangers comprise 400 rank and file, mostly mounted police and cowboys. At Parliament Square the squadron was reviewed by Lord Minto, who spoke

was reviewed by Lord Minto, who spoke briefly to the men. He said that they were about to take part in the hardest war that it has been the lot of the Empire to wage and as scouts he expected they would always be at the front. Lady Minto presented to the officers some handsome guidons.

The troops started this evening for Halifax. Many of the men have independent means and one is a millionaire, who goes as a private. Policeman Harcourt is a son of Sir Vernon Harcourt, former Liberal leader in the British Parliament. The men are all remarkable for their splendid physique and horsemanship and are expert marksmen. are expert marksmen.

# HORSES FOR SOUTH AFRICA.

British Army Officers to Buy the Wirv Little Western Animals.

New Orleans, Jan. 19.-It was announced here to-day that the British officers now in this city arranging for the purchase of mules for city arranging for the purchase of mules for shipment to South Africa have been ordered to purchase horses also for the use of the cavalry and the mounted infantry. Col. Stevens, who has charge of the purchases, says that the animals wanted will be mainly the tough little horses of the West, used to hardships and tough living, as the conditions in South Africa are similar to those in the West. No idea has yet been given of the number of horses that will be needed.

# THREE BANK ROBBERIES.

About \$10,000 in Cash Stolen in Raids in Indiana-Robbers Escape on Hand Cars. Indianapolis, Jan. 19.-Bank robbers made

an unusual record in this State between I and 2 o'clock this morning. Three country banks were forced, the safes blown open and booty secured to the aggregate amount of about \$10,000. The scene of one of the robberles was enlivened by a fight between citizens and the robbers, in which one policeman was wounded and one of the robbers shot, how dangerously is not known, as he was taken away by his companions.

The Commercial Bank at Silver Lake, Kosciusko county, was broken into at 1:30 o'clock. It required two charges of dynamite to force the safe. The first explosion was heard by Night Watchman Burt, who wakened William Price and they went toward the bank. The second explosion occurred before they reached the building and a moment later they were met by five men, whom they commanded to halt. The robbers opened fire upon them and some thirty shots were exchanged, Price having his hand and arm wounded and the bones in each crushed and splintered. One of the robbers was seen to stagger and heard to exclaim that he was shot, but a companion supported him and he was carried to the Big Four tracks, where the party boarded a hand car. By this time several citizens had appeared on the scene and fifty shots were fired at the escaping

The robbers went to North Manchester on the handcar and there boarded a Wabash freight train, but left it at Columbia City and took to the woods. When last seen at daybreak two of them were supporting the wounded man, who seemed to be very seak. The bank contained something over \$6,000 and the robbers secured all the money except about \$30 in small change.

About the same hour the bank at Ellettsville, Monroe county, was forced open and the vault door blown open with a charge of dynamite. The explosion aroused the citizens, but before they could reach the scene the robbers had let the bank and boarded a handcar on the Monon Ruilroad and made their escape. The loss of the bank is between \$1.500 and \$2.000. The bank belongs to Edmond Paimer of Chicago. The bank at Akron was also robbed about the same time and the same methods were employed as at the other banks, the robbers using dynamite and escaping on a handcar before effective pursuit could be organized. The reports differ as to amount secured, but it is known that the loss will reach \$1.000. known that the loss will reach \$1,000

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PAYN SEEMS TO HAVE LOST

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SMALL DOUBT LAST NIGHT THAT GOVERNOR WOULD REMOVE HIM.

A Report From Poughkeepsie That His Deputy, Robert H. Hunter, Would Succeed Him Caused a Flurry-Big Republicans in Conference Over the Matter -Decision May Be Reached To-Day

Gov. Roosevelt, according to the best information last night, with hardly a doubt will win his fight to unseat the Hon. Louis F. Payn, Superintendent of Insurance. A private de spatch which came down from Poughkeepsie said that the Hon. Robert H. Hunter of that city and first Deputy Superintendent Mr. Payn had been seriously under talked of as Mr. Payn's successor. There was a bustling scene in the Fifth Avenue Hotel corridors until nearly midnight, Senator Platt came over from Washington at 8:30 o'clock and soon was closeted with Chairman Odell of Republican State Committee. After hour's conference Mr. Platt and Mr. Odell left the hotel to talk with some of

until midnight. The Hon. George W. Aldridge and the Hon. Cornelius R. Parsons of Rochester, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Insurance, were also at the hotel talking over the situation. Later came Speaker Nixon of the Assembly, Later came Speaker Nixon of the Assembly, and close behind him were Mr. Payn and the Hon. George W. Dunn of Binghamton. Senator Platt and Chairman Odell said that they had not a word to say about the situation and would not discuss it at all. They are to take breakfast this morning with Gov. Roosevelt and it is believed that the whole matter will be settled on that occasion. Senator Parsons said that he was as much in the dark as anybody, and did not expect to know much about the situation until he had met Senator Platt and others to-day.

their friends. They returned within an hour

day.

Superintendent Payn was as confident as ever that he has a majority of S nators to stand by him at Albany. Superintendent Payn did not discuss matters with Senator Platt last night, but is to have a chat with him this after-

night, but is to have a char with the lives of the two men can understand the friendship and loyalty that exist between Mr. Platt and Mr. Payn. Both are about sixty-live years old, and both have been on a hundred battle fields together in the Republican politics of the State. Almost a serious breach came between these two old friends when it was decided that Frank S. Black could not be renominated for Governor. Mr. when it was declared that Frank S. Black sonto not be renominated for Governor. Mr. Payn owed his elevation as Superin-tendent of Insurance to Mr. Black just as surely as Mr. Black owed his elevation, first as a Congressman and then as Governor of the State, to Mr. Payn, and when Mr. Platt and Mr. Odell and their friends decided that Theodore Roosevelt was the only man who could win in their friends decided that Theodore Roosevelt was the only man who could win in the gubernatorial race last year Mr. Payn stuck to his guns for Mr. Binck until the last vote was east in the convention at Saratoga. Mr. Payn was terribly distressed over the defeat of Mr. Black; butlater on the old relations between Mr. Platt and Mr. Payn were reestablished.

tween Mr. Platt and Mr. Payn were reestablished.
Gov. Roosevelt has not believed for a moment that Mr. Payn should hold over as Superintendent of Insurance. The Governor has
persistently and forcibly declared that
he would defeat Mr. Payn's appirations, and so neute has the situation become that all liepublican politicians
have believed for a week or more that the fight
should be settled promptly one way or the
other. Senator Platt has all along declared that he would not take a hand
in the fight. Gov. Roosevelt, it has
been said over and over again, has been ready
and willing to accept any Republican in place
of Mr. Payn. It has been stated that the Governor is a few votes short in the fight against Mr.
I'ayn and for the confirmation of Mr. Payn's
successor.

successor.
Supt. Payn has just as persistently and confidently declared that if there was no outside interference he could defeat Gov. Roosevelt's determination to name his successor. It is well known, though, that Mr. Payn has been relying to a certain extent on some dilapidated reeds. Nevertheless the time came for Gov. Roosevelt, Senator Platt and Chairman Odell to talk over this matter from a party standpoint, and that is what will be done this

Odell to talk over this matter from a party standpoint, and that is what will be done this morning. It was said last night that the talk at the breakfast table this morning will be of the most friendly character.

Senator Platt and Chairman Odell are perfectly aware that Gov. Roosevelt will not abate one jot or tittle in his attitude toward Mr. Payn. The best way out of the trouble, then, it was said, is to decide upon some compromise candidate who will be agreeable to the twenty-six Republican Senators at Albany. It was the opinion that if Mr. Payn, after his conversation with Mr. Platt this afternoon, is convined that further persistence in his fight for retention will lead to serious complications in the Republican party of the State, Mr. Payn will regard the wishes of Mr. Flatt should Mr. Flatt suggest that a compromise candidate for Superintendent of Insurance be selected. Mr. Platt should Mr. Platt suggest that a compromise candidate for Super-intendent of Insurance be selected. Too much emphasis cannot be given, it was added, to the fact that Gov. Roosevelt has been ready and willing all along to accept any Republican who could secure at Albany the

# FIRE AT BARNUM WINTER QUARTERS.

Big Car Barn and All Its Rolling Stock Burned-Buffalo Bill Cars Destroyed.

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Jan. 19.-Fire at the Barnum & Bailey winter quarters to-night de stroyed the big building used for storing the cars belonging to the show. The first alarm was at 10 o'clock, and before the first of the steamers of the fire department arrived, the big building was entirely in flames and the efforts of the firemen were directed toward saving the other buildings. The car building is on Wordin avenue and is the end of the west line of buildings on the avenue. In the building were stored the private car of Buffalo Bill, the advertising cars of the Wild West show and the Barnum & Bailey passenger cars and sleepers. None was

Bailey passenger cars and sleepers. None was saved.

So flerce were the flames that houses on the opposite side of Wordin avenue caught fire several times and firemen were needed all the time to protect them. A small building, used as a barracks, where Italians at work on the railroad improvements were quartered, was burned. Quartered in the buildings on the grounds were more than one hundred horses belonging to the Barnum & Bailey show and which iare to be shipped abroad soon. When the fire started it was uncertain whether it would be confined to the one building and the horses were taken out of the other buildings so as to keep them out of danger.

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The flames and the great crowd of sheetators gathered frightened the horses. There were not enough men to handlethem, and they broke away and dashed around the enclosure. Great excitement prevailed for a time. In the quarters were some buffaloes belonging to the Wild West Show, but they were not disturbed. Mr. Hutchinson, who represents the show here, said to-night they had not ascertained the origin of the fire nor estimated the loss sustained.

#### JESSIE MALTBIE STILL MISSING. Her Brother's Search for Her-She Had Talked of Travelling.

W. M. Maltbie of Newark, the brother of Jessie Matthie, the teacher in the Union school at Cazenovia. who ran away on Monday, spent all day yesterday in a fruitless search for her all day yesterday in a fruitless search for her, but found no traces of her since she left the Grand Union Hotel on Wednesday.

He got a telegram from his mother in Syracuse, asking him to watch European and West Indian steamers, indicating to him that his aister had talked of travel before her flight. He feels convinced, however, that she is in New York or its immediate neighborhood and he started out last night to, visit the homes of several of her friends in Hudson county.

#### Trial of Mrs. Rich in Mexico Closed. Et Paso, Tex., Jan. 19.-The trial of Mrs. John D. Rich, at Juarez, Mexico, for the murde of her husband last May, was concluded to-day

before the Judge of Letters. The evidence was all transcribed in longhand, and this was a tedious undertaking. The taking of testimony has been in progress several months. The attorneys argued the case this afternoon, and then Judge Conzales announced that he would render his decision in about eight days.

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PLAGUE'S RAVAGES IN HONOLULU. Twenty-seven Deaths Reported; 2,500 People in Detention-Sugar Planters Anxious.

Honolulu, Jan. 12, via San Francisco, Jan 19.—Though twenty-seven deaths have oc-curred here from the bubonic plague, no white person has yet been attacked by the disease. The Hawaiian Government is now feeding 2,500 people in the barracks and detention hospitals. Many of those detained are absolutely destitute. Besides, the Government has before it the difficult problem of providing for at least 1,500 people, mainly native Hawaiians and Japanese, whose houses have been burned and whose goods have been cremated.

Every effort is being made to prevent the plague from spreading to the big sugar plantations, for if the disease appears there it will be impossible to ship sugar to the coast. Of those who have died of the plague in Hono lulu, sixteen have been Chinese, two Japanese. one a South Sea islander and the remainder Hawaiians or part Hawaiians, There are twelve cases of the plague in the hospitals. These patients are all Chinese, Japanese of Hawaiians. A case of the pingue developed last night in a

Chinese house nearly in the centre of the bus!ness quarter, and in a block almost exclusively occupied by whites. As another case som days ago was traced to this same building the block in which it stands was declared infected and a cordon of soldiers drawn about it. More than two hundred people were caught by the quarantine, a large proportion being whites. All will remain in the detention barracks for ten days.

Detention barracks, capable of accommodat ing 4,000 people, are being built, the existing barracks being already practically filled. More than fifty houses have been burned, including nearly two whole blocks in Chinatown. The question of what is to be done with the people after they have passed through the quarantine period has become important. Many of them have lost their all. All the benevolent societies and foreign Consuls are cooperating with the Government in this matter and plans are being made to give work to the needy.

The sugar planters are anxious that the piague shall not extend to the other islands, To guard against it all merchandise, except sugar bags which have been fumigated, machinery, lime and a few other things necessary to keep the sugar industry going are prohibited from being shipped.

#### CATCHER BERGEN KILLS FOUR,

The Boston Baseball Player Kills His Wife and Two Children, and Commits Suicide. WORCESTER, Mass., Jan. 19.-Martin Bergen. for four years a catcher for the Boston National League baseball team, murdered his wife and two children and then committed suicide at about 6:30 o'clock this morning, at his farm

two miles northwest of North Brookfield twenty miles from Worcester, The murder was committed with an axe. His own life he took with a razor. The cause of the tragedy was insanity, induced by worry over his business as a baseball player. The dead bodies were discovered by Michael Bergen, father of Martin, about 11:30 o'clock

Bergen, father of Martin, about 11:30 o'clock this morning, and the authorities at North Brookfield were notified an hour later. Medical Examiner Dr. E. W. Norwood of Spencer, arrived at 2 o'clock. Mrs. Bergen was killed in a bedroom adjoining the kitchen. The axe struck the left side of her head two inches above the ear. The skull was crushed. Joseph, 3% years old, was killed in the same room by a blow from the blade of the axe which solit the left side of the head, from the centre of the forehead to the middle of back of the skull. Florence M. 6 vears and 3 months old, was killed in the kitchen, adjoining the bedroom. The head of the axe crushed in the left side of her skull and broke the left cheek bone.

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To finish his work Bergen stood before a small looking glass over the sink and cut his throat with a razor. His slash at his own throat was of such power that all but four inches of skin on the back of his neck and the backbone was cut. He fell flat on his face. After viewing the bodies, Dr. Norwood resorted to District Attorney Bookwart wood resorted to District Attorney Bookwart has the state of the sta After viewing the bodies, Dr. Norwood reported to District Attorney Rockwood Hoar at Worcester that there was no evidence of a fifth person being concerned. He was directed to turn the bodies over to relatives, who in turn gave them into the charge of Undertaker David J. Splaine. Father Humphrey J. Wrenn, pastor of the church the family attended, called at the house and performed the rites of the Catholic Church over the bodies. Bergen has a father living at North Brookfield, also one brother, William, and four sisters, Mrs. John Meany. Worcester: Mrs. Thomas E. Mulvey, Brookfield, Mrs. Patrick McAvoy and Miss Katherine Bergen of North Brookfield. The murdered wife was a native of New York State, her maiden name being Miss Hattie E. Gaines. She is said to have parents and a sister, the place of residence not being known here.

here.

Dr. Louts E. Dionne of North Brookfield, physician for the Bergen family, says:

"Martin Bergen has been affected with nervous debility which made him believe he was persecuted by everybody. His wife was in feeble health, being consumptive. Bergen has told me he was pushed for money, having practically none, and that he came out of last season's base ball work \$300 short on his salary account."

Martin Bergen was considered the best catcher in the country last year. He was born at North Brookfield in October, 1871. In 1863 he made his début as a professional ball player with the Wilkesbarre team. He was drafted by the Pittsburg club, but was soon released to the Lewiston team, with which he played in 1814. Both Kansas City and Washington claimed his services at the end of that season, the former winning the decision of the National Board of Arbitration. With Kansas City Bergen was considered the star catcher of the Western League in 1845, and in the fall of that year he was purchased by the Boston club for \$1,000 and Shortstop Connaughton in exchange. For the past two years Bergen has been regarded as eccentric by his fellow-players. He left the Boston team on several occasions without leave, and declared that the players were conspiring to ruin him. Only two Martin Bergen was considered the best players were conspiring to ruin him. Only two months ago Soden, one of the owners of the Boston club, gave an option on Bergen's ser-vices to the New York club. The player de-clared then that if he was let go by Boston he would retire from the game.

# ALLEGED BADGER WORKERS JAILED. Two Arrests of Expensively Dressed Womer

Central Office Detectives Sullivan and Oppenhelm arrested two women at Broadway and Forty-fifth street about midnight and locked them up in the East Thirty-fifth street station.
The charge against them was that they were
"suspicious persons." They are suspected of
being badger women.
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they were expensively dressed in sealskins d slik and said they were Eva Dyel of 243 est Thirty-eighth street and Mamie Kolberg to East 192th street of 10 East 112th street.

#### NEW AUSTRIAN PREMIER. Herr Koerber Appointed to Make Peace Between Germans and Czechs. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

VIENNA, Jan. 19.-The Emperor to-day acepted the resignation of Dr. Von Wittek's Cabinet and named a new Cabinet with Herr Koerber as Fremier. The latter was specially appointed with a view to reconciling the differ-ences between the Germans and the Czechs.

Two Panthers Loose Near Waltham, Mass. Boston, Jan. 19.-Two panthers, which escaped from a menagerie, have taken possess saped from a menagerie, have taken hosses-sion of the woods between Waltham and the t-wn of Weston and have stopped fravel be-tween the two communities after dark. Thus far their attacks have been confined to hen roosts. Unless they are captured by Saturday afternoon they will be hunted down on Sun-day by an organized band from the watch factories of Waltham. A reward has been offered for the capture of the beasts, dead or alive.

# Florida Republicans in Session.

St. Augustine, Fla., Jan. 19,-The State Republican Convention began its sessions to day. There is a contest between the Grunby and MacFarlane factions of Tampa. The delegates to Phitadelphia will probably be instructed for McKinley and a Western man for

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OSMAN DIGNA CAPTURED NOW, A New Fate Befalls the Oft-Killed Leader of the Dervishes.

Special Cable Despatch to THE BUR. LONDON, Jan. 20 .- The Telegraph's Cairo cor respondent says that the notorious Dervish eader.Osman Digna, who has been reported to have been killed scores of times in the past decade, has at length been captured in the neighborhood of Tokar and sent to Suakim,

# ENGLAND AND THE CANAL

London Chronicle" Fears [That We May Violate the Clayton-Bulwer Treaty.

Special Cable Despatch to THE BUN. LONDON, Jan. 20.—The Chronicle regards as of serious import its Washington information that Congress is determined to pass the Nicaraguan Canal bill in a form that is directly at variance with the Clayton-Bulwer treaty. It says it hessitates to believe that the United State will commit themselves to a course which Great Britain will be compelled to regard as unfriendly, and which will involve a cynical disregard of treaty obligations.

#### THE HOLLAND BOAT REJECTED,

Naval Board on Construction, 4 to 1, Decides Not to Recommend Its Purchase. WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.-The question of ecommending to the Navy Department the purchase of the submarine torpedo boat Holland, now at the Washington Navy Yard, was considered by the Naval Board on Construction to-day, and the board decided, by a vote of 4 to 1, that the recommendation should not be made. This action was the result of visits to the Holland by members of the board individually, and their study of the whole board individually, and their study of the whole question of the adaptability of submarine torbedo vessels to war purposes. The general question of constructing submarine boats was practically disposed of by the action of the board. Another submarine torpedo vessel, the Plunger, is being built by the Columbian Iron Works of Baltimore, under contract with the Navy Department. The board's action will not affect this craft, which will be used for experimental purposes, the Navy Department conducting the experiments. The Plunger is nearly completed.

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It is understood that the decision of the board was not based on any objection to the plans or construction of the Holiand, but on the belief that such vessels were in the experimental stage and their usefulness for war purposes had not been demonstrated. The board's decision is surprising, in view of the favorable report made of the Holland by the Naval Board of Inspection and Survey, some members of which witnessed tests of the craft. Chief Engineer Low was detailed to make a special report in regard to the vessel, and he was so much neer Low was detailed to make a special report in regard to the vessel, and he was so much impressed with its value for war use that he recommended its purchase and also that the Government construct twenty-five or more similar vessels. The Holland was offered for sale to the Government. The action of the board on construction practically assures the declination of the offer by the Navy Department.

# "PRAY HAVE ME EXCUSED,"

Gov. Smith and Mayor Hayes Won't Greet Bryan in Baltimore To-night.

BALTIMORE, Jan. 19.—The question of what kind of a crowd will greet Col. Bryan at the Academy of Music to-morrow is worrying some people. Gov. Smith, in acknowledging the invitation of the Maryland Democratic Association to be present, has found that "a previous engagement will compel me to decline."

Mayor Hayes wrote to the committee in charge this morning also regretting that "owing to a previous engagement I will not be able to avail myself." Ex-Senator Gorman has not been asked to attend nor will not be able to avail myself." Ex-Senator Gorman has not been asked to attend nor will go to his home in Harford county, and the big men of the Democratic party will be decidedly missing when noses are counted on the platform of the Music Hall to-morrow evening.

In their places will be found S. S. Field, John F. Preston, Clarence M. Kemp. W. E. Beveridge and some others of the Maryland Democratic Association, who have devoted themselves to the principles of 16 to 1 and to Bryan and his tenets. It is a queer situation, and yet the Maryland Association men do not seem to be cast down about it. It is possible, that they do not care how much Mr. Bryan becomes impressed with the last that he is being snubbed by the Democratic organization, and the House of Delegates could not have played into their hands better than by defeating Mr. Willis's resolution yesterday, if such is really the case,

KILLED OUTSIDE THE NEW YORK A. C.

Man Leaning on an Insecure Gate in the Railing Falls Headlong Down a Shaft. 4

A man, about 35 years old, leaned against the appointment of Collis? A. Yes, I did, most emphatically.

Mr. Girard here changed his tactios and proceeded to ask the Senator what corporations he was connected with the Cataract Transportation Company and Eric Transportation Company and I he did not possess valuable portation Company and Eric Transportation Company and Eric Transportation Company and I he did not possess valuable and the was a steel.

At this Mr. Platt became angry and, looking directly at the lawyer, who began a series of questions is well-did not prove the lawyer, replied; "You know yourq Academy of Music to-morrow is worrying some

a double gate in the railing around the New York Athletic Club house at Fifty-ninth street and Sixth avenue about 4 o'clock yester day afternoon. The gate swung inward and, the man tumbled down a shaft up which ashes are hoisted from the engine room, forty feet below the sidewalk. He was instantly killed. No one near knew the man, and nothing was found about him to give a clue to his identity In the pockets were found 25 cents and a hand kerchief. The man was dressed like a work-man. He had dark hair and mustache and gray eyes, and wore a dark blue suit. Cabmen hear by said that he was apparently waiting for a car. His body was taken to the Morgue. Supt. Duffy of the athletic club told reporters that he had ascertained that the man jurched against a cabman's horse and reporters that he had ascertained that the man increhed against a cabinan's horse and then lurching the other way bumped into the gate with sufficient force to break the chain fastening. An examination revealed no break in the chain and no one who witnessed the accident could be found who had seen the man stagger about as Duffy asserted.

On the necktie of the dead man there was found the name of a Rome, N. Y., dealer.

# FIRE ALARM TO FREE A PORTER He Was Wedged Between the Elevator and

the Shaft and Had to Be Chopped Out. Adam Cossack, a porter, living at 52 Broad street, was caught between the wall and the elevator in that building last night. He was taken to the Hudson Street Hospital, and is seriously injured.

The building is four stories high. Cossack has a room on the third floor. He ran the elevator up to that floor last night and left it there, going into his room to put on his street there, going into his room to put on his street ciothes. He returned to find the car going slowly up to the top floor, and made a dive for it. He was swinging himself in by his arms when the car shot upward with him. There is a space of about half a foot between the elevator and the wall. At the top of the shaft the called for help and his cries were heard by A. Hanley, the janitor. Seeing Cossack spre-dicament and knowing that if he pulled down the elevator he would injure the man more, he dicament and knowing that it ne paned gown the elevator he would injure the man more, he rushed downstairs and turned in a fire alarm. When the firemen came, Hanley explained the case to them and they went in with their axes to help. After fitteen minutes' work they suceded in chorping Cossack out

#### MAY ARREST SYNDICATE MILLER, Another Indictment Said to Have Been Found Against Him.

A rumor was going the rounds in the Court House and Municipal Building in Brooklyn last night that the police were about to arrest William F. Miller of 520-per-cent,-Franklin Syndicate renown. Capt. James K. Price of the Detective Bureau was at his office until after it o'clock and was in consultation with some of his deputies. In the afternoon the Kings County Grand Jury found an indictment against "John Doe," but what he is charged with could not be a resident of Manhattan and it is said was interested with Miller in his Franklin Syndicate scheme. District Attorney John F. Clarke would not admit that the indictment had anything to do with Miller. It was also said that the first indictment found against Miller on the day that he escaped from Capt. Reynolds's sleuths had been found to be defective and that another indictment had been secured, and that the name of John Doe was used in place of William F. Miller. Detective Bureau was at his office until after

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SENATOR PLATT A WITNESS.

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EXAMINED IN GEN. COLLIS'S LIBEL

BUIT AGAINST THE "WORLD." He said That He Knew Mayor Strong Slightly, and That He Protested Against the Appointments of Collis and Brooks

field - Refused to Answer Questions

About the Ramapo Company. WASHINGTON, Jan. 19 .- J. W. Girard, Jr., of Bowers & Sands, lawyers, of New York, repres senting the New York World, the defendant in the libel suit brought by Gen. Charles H. T. Collis on account of the World's article of Oct. 8, headed. "Collis and Plats Work a Huge Grab." to-day took the deposition of Senator Thomas C. Platt, in his private room at the Arlington Hotel. Gen. Collis was represented at the hearing by Henry Wise, and the testimony was taken by United States Commissioner Corcoran Thorn. The

senator was interrogated by Mr. Wise. In reply to the usual questions as to his age, birthplace, &c., he said that his chief business he regarded as the express business, being President of the United States Express Company. When interrogated about the article in the World he said he had never read it.

The Senator said he had never had any relations whatever with Gen. Collis. Asked whether he had any interests in the Fidelity and Deposit Company, he replied:

"I have never had and have not now any interests, directly or indirectly, in that company, except the indirect interest I must naturally have on account of my son's connection with it.

He was asked whether he had any interests in the contracts mentioned in the Worldarticle, the latter having alleged that "the Boss gets his share on almost every contract."

"The boss is presumably yourself." remarked Mr. Wise, "and the article declares that the Fidelity and Deposit Company is merely another name for Thomas C. Platt. because his two sons are in it. How about those contracts?"

"I have no interest, direct or remote, in those contracts, never knew of them and never heard of them until now."

"Did you ever, directly or indirectly, have any correspondence with Charles H. T. Collis regarding these contracts or the sureties of the contractors?" asked Mr. Wise.

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"Never." responded Senator Platt, promptly.
This closed the direct examination and Mr.
Girard began the cross-examination. Mr. Wise
objected to his very first question, which wast
"Senator, what position do you occupy in
New York politics?"
"I am charged to some extent with the leadership of the Republican party in New York
State," he replied.
Q. Did you know ex-Mayor Strong? A.
Slightly.

Q. After he took office did you ever see him
regarding appointments? A. Yes.

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Q. About the appointment of a Commissioner of Public Works? A. Yes.
Q. Didn't you have a dispute with Mayor Strong about the appointment of one Brookfield? A. I protested against Brookfield's appointment. pointment.
Q. But you did not protest against the appointment of Collis? A. Yes, I did, most

was his reply.
Then came a query that made every one, including the Senstor, smile expressively.
"Do you know Mr. Lou Payn of Albany?"
"Of course I know him." replied the witness.
"Everybody knows him." "Everybody knows him."
In response to a question if Senator Platt had used his influence in Washington in favor of a certain envelope contract in which Mr. Payn was interested, he said that it was his custom to represent the interests of his people at the National Capitol. Finally, getting impatient, the Senator surcastically asked if the lawyer had any questions relating to the case in hand; if so, he would answer them. Mr. Wise made an objection to the course of proceedure, and the high sustained by the Commissioner the

DRAINAGE CANAL A WATERWAY.

Movement to Ask the Government to Com

plete It to the Mississippl. CHICAGO, Jan. 19.-The Federal Relations Committee of the Sanitary District Board met this afternoon to consider ways and means of cooperating with the Federal Government in converting the Drainage Canal into a waterway for commercial and military purposes. Cooperation of the Mississippi Valley Waterway Association with the Illinois association and with the Waterway committees of the cities on the Great Lakes has been assured at Washington. When the Mississippi Valley Association met in Memphis two months ago it adopted resolutions endorsing the rlan of asking Congress to appropriate funds at once for extending the ship canal from Lockport to the Illinois River, and thence to the Mississippi. The Mississippi Valley Congressmen were asked to cooperate with the Illinois Congressmen to secure an appropriation for this purpose. It was conceded that the only practical way for the Federal Government to further the waterway plan would be to take up the conwaterway plan would be to take up the construction where Chicago left it, at Lockport, and continue it to the Mississippi.

It is proposed to make it possible for all vessels drawing not over sixteen feet to pass from the Lakes to the Gult. This list will include all United States gunbouts and many of the second class cruisers. It is estimated this channel will cost the General Government \$25,00,000. Pressure will be brought to bear on the present Congress to sanction the plan and appropriate part of the money so that the work may be begun at once, it is expected work may be begun at once. It is expected the railroads of the middle West will make a fight to prevent the appropriation and one of the first steps to be taken is in the direction of overcoming that opposition.

Anti-Lynching Bill in Mississippi.

JACKSON, Miss., Jan. 19 .- A mass meeting of colored citizens was held here to-day to indorse Gov. Longino's attitude on lynching. Resolutions to that effect were adopted. Following the Governor's suggestions Senator Adams to-day introduced a bill providing that the officers who "lose" prisoners to mobs shall forfeit their offices and that the county in which a lynching occurs shall pay \$3,000 to the heirs of the victim of the mob's fury.

Negro "Lost" by an Alabama Mob.

PRATIVILLE, Ala., Jan. 19,-On last Wedness

day a negro who a few days before shot Deputy

Sheriff John L. Carter of Autauga county was

arrested near Kingston. A party of Carter's neighbors started to Prattville, the county seat, with him. The negro never reached here and the members of the party separated and went to their homes. It is stated the negro was "lost," or in other words lynched on the road betweed Kingston and Prattville.

From 7 A. M. to Midnight.